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BLM seasonal road restrictions in effect in Grand County

KREMMLING – The Bureau of Land Management reminds the public that the annual winter travel restrictions in the Wolford Mountain area north of Kremmling remain in effect to protect wintering wildlife and reduce road and resource damage.

"Although we've had some warm weather, the wildlife is still on the winter range and the roads are very muddy," said BLM Kremmling Field Manager Stephanie Odell. "We're urging the public to observe this closure and to report any violations they see."

Seasonal road closures on Wolford Mountain continue through April 15 to protect wintering wildlife and prevent major road damage and erosion problems. Motorized travel on the single track motorcycle trail over Wolford Mountain is expected to open June 1.

Now that lower elevation areas are seeing significant snowmelt, seasonal road closures will begin to be phased in to prevent road damage and protect resources in areas where there is insufficient snowpack for motorized over-the-snow travel. Most motorized vehicles designed for over-the-snow travel are allowed on most roads in the field office when there is a minimum of 12 inches of snow.

Seasonal road closures now in effect include Black Mountain Road and Sulphur Gulch east of Kremmling. Additional seasonal closures to be phased in include Strawberry and Hurd Peak Roads east of Tabernash, Kinney Creek and Smith Mesa Roads outside of Hot Sulphur Springs, and Spruce Creek Road south of Kremmling. Seasonal closures run through June 1.

A map showing open travel routes for the Wolford Mountain area is available online at www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/kfo.html. Maps are also available at the Kremmling Field Office, 2103 E. Park Ave., and at information kiosks on County Road 224 near the former landfill, County Road 26 off of Highway 40, County Road 227, and at the intersection of County Roads 22 and 25.

Visitors to BLM lands in Grand County this spring may encounter other specific seasonal or temporary road closures in place to allow road maintenance or protect sensitive wildlife. More information about these closures is available by contacting the Kremmling Field Office at (970) 724-3000.